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SUBJECT: PROTEST ACTIVITY

1. PRESS REPORTS CONTINUING PROTEST ACTIVITY, MOSTLY BY CHRISTIANS AND YOUTH.
2. GROUP OF 21 CHRISTIAN LEADERS HELD AN OVERNIGHT HUNGER AND PRAYER MEETING AT ACADEMY HOUSE IN SEOUL DEC 16 DEMANDING THAT GOVERNMENT RESCIND YUSHIN CONSTITUTION, CANCEL JAPAN-KOREA MINISTERIAL MEETING AND END ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE ON JAPAN.
3. ABOUT 200 STUDENT MEMBERS OF CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS MET AT SEOUL UNION CHURCH DEC 17 AND MADE SIMILAR DEMANDS.
4. ON DEC 18 ABOUT 150 YOUNG MEMBERS OF HYANGNIN CHURCH IN DOWNTOWN SEOUL MET AND FORMED A CHURCH YOUTH ASSOCIATION. AFTER THE MEETING THRITY-ONE PERSONS MARCHED IN THE STREET WITH BANNERS. POLICE TOOK EIGHTEEN INTO CUSTODY, INCLUDING ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN WHO IS STUDENT AT METHODIST THEOLOGICAL

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SEMINARY. ACCORDING TO CHURCH SOURCE THEY WERE

STILL HELD AS OF MORNING DEC 19.

5. FOLLOWING CONVENTION OF DEMOCRATIC UNIFICATION
PARTY DEC 18, ABOUT 100
DELEGATES STARTED TO MARCH FROM CONVENTION
HALL TO PARTY HEADQUARTERS. MOST OF GROUP DISPERSED
WHEN THEY MET RIOT POLICE, BUT PARTY LEADERS INCLUDNG
YANG IL-DONG AND CHANG CHUN-HA WENT
THE WHOLE DISTANCE. THREE LESSER
PARTY OFFICIALS WERE ARRESTED AND ARE STILL HELD
DEC 19.

6. GROUP OF TEN EHWA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS DEMONSTRATED
AT KIMPO AIRPORT DEC 19 WITH A PLACARD READING "WE
OPPOSE TOURISM FOR PROSTITUTION." GIRLS HANDED
LEAFLETS TO ARRIVING PASSENGERS UNTIL POLICE STOPPED
THEM, TAKING THREE INTO CUSTODY.

7. IN CHRISTMAS MESSAGE ISSUED DEC 18, CARDINAL
KIM SU-HWAN STATED, "TO OPPOSE INJUSTICE AND
IMMORALITY CHURCH MEMBERS MUST SACRIFICE THEMSELVES
AND DIE ON THE CROSS LIKE CHRIST. FOR OUR OWN
SALVATION AND TO SAVE SOCIETY WE MUST PERISH LIKE
GRAINS OF WHEAT."
UNDERHILL

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